

building is named in honor of their former Secretary-Treasurer, John S. Lyons. This hard-working, dedicated and diverse organization can always be depended upon.

Their members volunteer for every food drive by working at the Margaret Sellers Post Office and routing the food from outlying Post Offices to the Food Bank. Each and every December, the Teamsters show up, complete with holiday cheer, pick up and deliver all the food to make the annual Holiday Food Distribution a success.

They are always present, making a contribution to the people of San Diego and promoting the good name of Labor. That is why we honor and recognize Teamsters Local 36, one of the finest organizations in San Diego and Imperial County, as the recipient of the "Community Services Award"!

RECOGNIZING DEDICATION OF
WILLIAMSON COUNTY MONU-
MENT IN FRANKLIN ON MEMO-
RIAL DAY 2005

HON. MARSHA BLACKBURN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, Memorial Day is one of those occasions where all Americans can come together for a common purpose—to honor and thank those who've sacrificed in order to keep us free.

It is my privilege to recognize the veterans from Williamson County, Tennessee who served our country over the past century. Nearly 165 veterans from Williamson County died defending America during World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Viet Nam War. All of us recognize how fortunate we are for having had men and women like them fighting to preserve our freedom.

On Monday, May 30, 2005, Williamson County will dedicate a monument in Franklin, Tennessee, to honor these men and women. I hope all Tennesseans will take time this Memorial Day to remember those who've sacrificed so much for America. God Bless.

THE LIFE OF EVA "MARR"
BOWMAN

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on May 7, the Bowman family and Colorado lost a great treasure. Eva "Marr" Bowman died at age 93, a life-long resident of Wray, Colorado.

My sympathies go to her grandson Michael Bowman, who was extremely close to his grandmother. Michael is a tireless advocate of renewable energy and of Colorado's rural communities and is a key proponent of the 25x25 proposal dedicated to producing 25 percent of America's energy needs from our agricultural sector by the year 2025.

Marr Bowman supported Mike in his efforts. She donated \$200,000 to the Wray, Colorado school district to install a wind turbine that will supply all of the school's electricity and 25 percent of the electricity for the town. Her do-

nation has already set an important precedent in Colorado, demonstrating what dedicated communities can do to help rural economic development and maintain farming as a way of life.

I honored Marr Bowman at the Environmental and Clean Energy Inaugural Ball earlier this year for her contributions to Colorado's rural communities and to renewable energy. I noted at the Ball: "Without your generous contribution of seed money for the wind turbine project, further grant money would not be an option. Wray is fortunate to have committed members of the community like you who have the foresight and patience to envision a project and see it through." Even though she won't be in Wray to see the wind turbine operational next month—or to attend her 75th high school reunion—I am glad she knew of our gratitude for her commitment and dedication to her community, to Colorado, and to renewable energy.

Marr Bowman's was a life well lived. She will be missed.

For the benefit of my colleagues, I have attached Mrs. Bowman's obituary from the Denver Post.

FARM WIFE A POWERFUL FORCE

(By Virginia Culver)

Eva "Marr" Bowman was a farm wife who lived all her life on Colorado's plains—but that didn't mean she wasn't up on the latest environmental issues.

Bowman, who died Saturday at age 93, left \$200,000 to the Wray school district as seed money to install a wind turbine that will supply all of the school's electricity and 25 percent of the electricity for the town.

By selling the electricity to the town, the school district will make \$180,000 a year, said Bowman's grandson, Michael Bowman, of Wray.

"We'd hoped she would still be alive to see the wind turbine operational next month, her 75th high school class reunion," he said.

In her letter to the school board about the gift, Eva Bowman said, "There is no greater gift we can give our children than that of a sound education."

Her nephew and others have raised most of the rest of the total—\$1.8 million—for the turbine.

Marr Bowman, as everyone called her, was a fixture in Wray, where she sat at her own table every morning for coffee in the local cafe.

Despite the hard work of cooking, cleaning, raising children and helping with the farm, Marr Bowman was not a complainer.

"In fact, she was the most upbeat person I ever knew," said Michael Bowman.

But, sometimes, she did remark, "Anyone who thought those were the good old days didn't actually live through them."

Marr Bowman and her husband toughed out the Depression, but they and their good friends, Dale and Martha Whomble, had to wait some time before they could buy new cars.

After discussing it one evening, the couples decided on a stopgap measure: They would trade cars, so at least each couple would have a different car.

In addition to her family, Marr Bowman's other great love was bowling, which she did for decades at the Purple Sage Bowling Alley. After it was destroyed in a 1970s tornado, she and her friends had to drive to other towns to bowl.

Eva Peterson was born June 13, 1911, in Holyoke and graduated from Laird High School, east of Wray.

She met Ralph Bowman, a local farm boy, at Olive Lake, a resort area near Wray that

had a dance hall and skating rink. "It was a hotbed of activity in those days," Michael Bowman said.

Eva Peterson and Ralph Bowman married May 16, 1931, and started their life together with gifts of a pig and a cow, which their families had given them. He died in January 2004.

In addition to her grandson, Marr Bowman is survived by two daughters, Jean Brophy of Wray and Jerry Baird of Pasadena, CA; a son, Jack Bowman of Wray; 10 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; her sister, Madge Barber of Burlington; and an "adopted" grandson, Etienne Lagabrielle of France.

BRIGHTON RECEIVES ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AWARD

HON. BOB BEAUPREZ

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Mr. BEAUPREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the City of Brighton, Colorado, for recently being named by the Economic Developers' Council of Colorado (EDCC) as the recipient of the Large Community of the Year award for 2004. The EDCC presents their annual achievement awards that recognize outstanding achievement in economic development by honoring individuals, businesses and communities throughout the State of Colorado.

The City of Brighton was honored to receive this award which is presented to a community over 20,000 in population that demonstrates support for economic development through an organized economic development program and strong leadership.

Mr. Speaker, as we look at a few of the many successes the City has been able to accomplish recently, there is no doubt that they are well deserving of this award.

The City provided an incentive package valued at nearly \$8.2 million for a new Adams County campus for County services. This campus will not only retain jobs for Brighton but will also ensure that Brighton remains the County Seat.

Brighton found funding, without any state support, for the roundabouts at the intersection of U.S. 85 and State Highway 7, which is a major highway intersection to downtown Brighton. The City has also been forward thinking in contributions on their part to make the FasTracks public transit program become a reality in Brighton.

In 2004 the City broke ground on a 14-acre entertainment/retail development, the Brighton Pavilions. This project is a unique public/private partnership between the City, the Brighton Urban Renewal Authority, Brighton Economic Development Corporation, Carlson-Parkhi, LLC and RTD. It is the first Transit Oriented Development in the state based on a bus transit park-n-ride, and a public/private endeavor and is a "model" project for the Denver metro area. Further, this partnership helped the City receive the Adams County Economic Development 2004 Regional Partnership Award.

On the issue of water, which is so vital to communities in Colorado, Brighton has made great strides in making water purchases during 2004 and has aligned itself with other regional communities to provide water solutions in and out of its community. The first water augmentation storage lake was completed and filled in 2004.